



**Special Court for Sierra Leone**  
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Interpol Discloses Red Notice for Johnny Paul Koroma**

The international law enforcement organisation Interpol this week made public a 'Red Notice' calling for the arrest and transfer of indictee Johnny Paul Koroma to the custody of the Special Court.

Koroma was indicted in March 2003 on 17 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity, which include terrorizing the civilian population, unlawful killings, sexual violence, physical violence, use of child soldiers, abductions, forced labour and attacks of peacekeeping personnel. His current whereabouts are unknown.

The Red Notice was originally issued on 20 December 2003, but for operational reasons was not made public at the request of the Special Court Prosecutor. Interpol also issued a Red Notice for the arrest of former Liberian leader Charles Taylor on 4 December 2003.

Under an agreement between the Special Court and Interpol that came into force on 3 November 2003, the Court may request that Interpol publish and circulate 'Red Notices' for persons indicted by the Prosecutor.

The Registrar of the Special Court, Robin Vincent, called today for all countries to cooperate in the transfer of all indictees who are not currently in the Court's custody.

The Prosecutor, David M. Crane, said that the Interpol Red Notice will serve as a reminder that Koroma remains a fugitive from justice.

He added that investigators are following all leads to find Johnny Paul Koroma or his remains.

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The Special Court is an independent tribunal established jointly by the United Nations and the Government of Sierra Leone. It is mandated to bring to justice those who bear the greatest responsibility for atrocities committed in Sierra Leone after 30 November 1996. To date, the Prosecutor has indicted eleven persons on various charges of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other serious violations of international humanitarian law. Nine indictees are currently in the custody of the Court.

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